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A Sunday well spent

Date with Annular Solar Eclipse, International Yoga Day, Summer Solstice, World Music Day and Father's Day

A group of trainers demonstrating Yoga in front of Mysore Palace this morning. The performance was broadcast live on social media. Picture right shows a person attempting to see the solar eclipse through an X-ray sheet.

Mysuru, June 21 (OSR)- Sunday, June 21, 2020 (today) was an eventful day where social, religious, astronomical and astrological events came alive. Depending on where in the world one is residing, a plethora of events or festivals unfolded. The day was marked by Annular Solar Eclipse, the Summer Solstice, International Yoga Day, Father's Day, and World Music Day.

First it was International Yoga Day where Yoga enthusiasts gathered on their terraces and inside the houses to perform Yoga as per this year's Common Yoga Protocol. This year, the day was literally clouded by Coronavirus and as a result, mass public Yoga gatherings were banned.

While the annular 'ring of fire' solar eclipse, wherein the Sun appears like a ring of fire, was spotted in Delhi, Rajasthan, Haryana, Gujarat and Maharashtra, in Mysuru, it was a partial eclipse, thanks to cloudy weather.

NASA's scientific input

What made the solar eclipse more special is this solar eclipse is on the day of the summer Solstice, the longest day of summer. According to US Space Agency NASA, the ring of fire solar eclipse and the summer Solstice are happening together for the first time in 19 years.

The last time a solar eclipse and summer Solstice occurred together was on June 21, 2001, but it was full solar eclipse and people could not witness the ring of fire. Before that, there was a solar eclipse during the summer solstice of 1982.

The next is expected to happen on June 21, 2039, with another one in 2058. But after that, a Solstice summer eclipse will not happen for nearly 200 years. Once 2058 comes and goes, the solstice summer eclipse won't be nearly two centuries, said NASA.

Music Day and Father's Day

The day is also celebrated as World Music Day. In 1982 the Ministry of Culture in France launched the Fête de la Musique, also known in English as Music Day, or the Make Music Day or World Music Day - an annual music celebration that now takes place on June 21 every year.

June 21 is also observed as Father's Day — by sending messages and wishes — to recognise the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children and young population.

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18 more test COVID-19 positive in Mysuru

Mysuru, June 21 (MTY&BCT)- After the Heritage City of Mysuru reported 22 cases yesterday, it reported 18 more cases today, June 21. With the latest 18 positive cases, Mysuru has a total 169 positive cases. The figures have to be, however, confirmed by Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar in the daily evening media bulletin.

According to Health Dept. sources, of the 18 cases that were reported today, 3 are of Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) Policemen – Fifth Battalion – all residents of Jokey Quarters who had been on bandobust duty at Padarayanapura in Bengaluru. One 42-year-old person hailing from S.K. Agrahara in T. Narasipur has tested positive. He has a travel history of Bengaluru.

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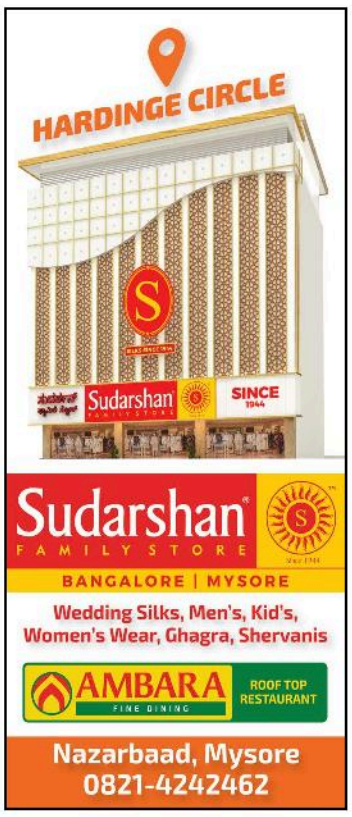

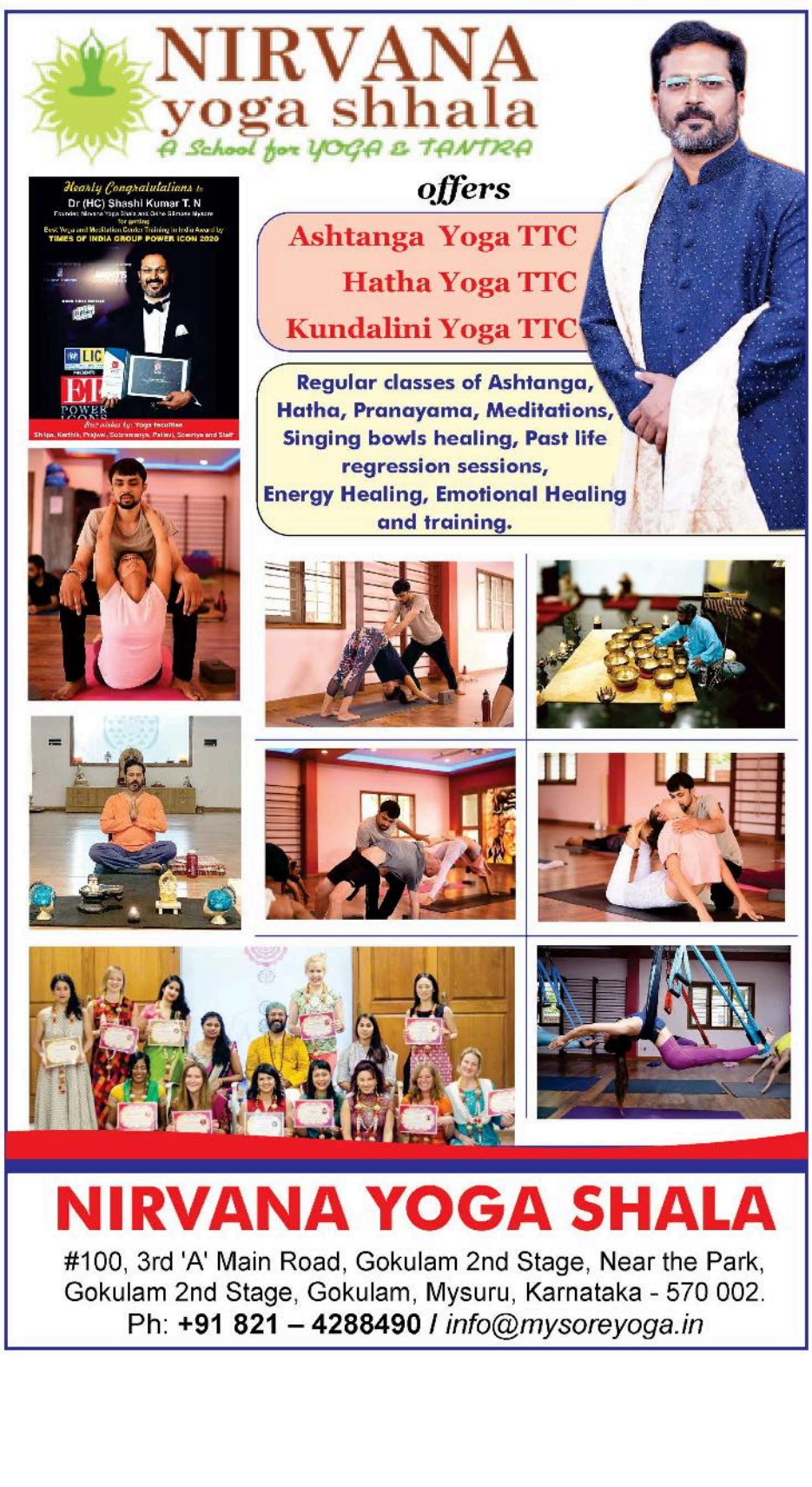
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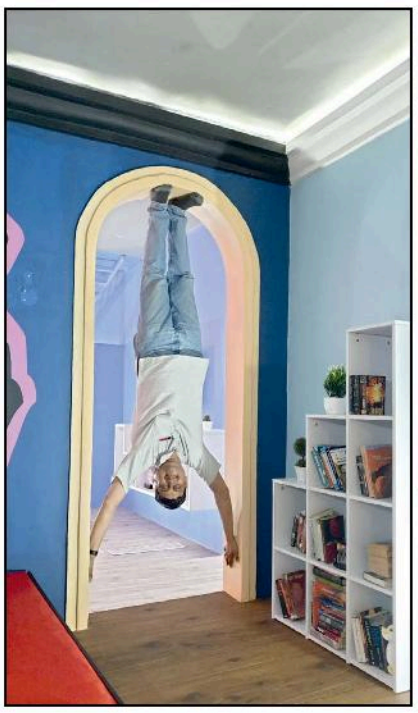
See yourself upside down at GRS Fantasy Park

First of its kind in the country, the artistic wonder 'Upside Down Museum' will be open from June 22



Mysuru, June 21 (SBD& BNR)- How might the world look if it turned upside down!? GRS Fantasy Park in Mysuru will give the answer along with the experience. Yes. The amusement park has come up with an 'Upside Down Museum' which is a first of its kind in the country and the facility will be open to public from June 22 (tomorrow).

One can experience an entirely different world as soon as they enter the Museum. It has 12 rooms including kitchen, dining hall and living room set up — that is all 'upside down.' Nineteenth century car and scooter model, table, chair and other furniture attached to roof is sure to attract the visitors. If one takes photographs in the Museum it is sure to make one feel as if they themselves are standing upside down.

There are many Upside Down Museums in foreign countries but in India, except for some designs, there was no such Museum. The Upside Museum at GRS Fantasy Park showcases the richness of the art.

Speaking to Star of Mysore, GRS Fantasy Park Director Manjunath Nayak said: "Our team including the architect visited Upside Down Museums at foreign countries including the one at Malaysia. After returning from there, we designed our Museum in a span of just seven months. Though the Museum was ready in the month of March, it was not inaugurated due to COVID-19 outbreak. Just a week ago, a drive-in restaurant was opened here with all safety measures in place and the 'Upside Down Museum' will be open to visitors from Monday (June 22). However, there will be no entry to Water Park and Snow Park."

The 'Upside Down Museum' is besides the GRS Fantasy Park. For queries, contact 95900-80808.

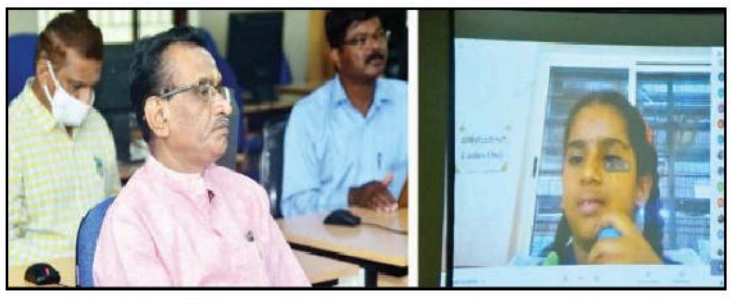
GRS Fantasy Park Director Manjunath Nayak and Pharmacist N. Raghavan of Raghulal and Co. at the 'Upside Down Museum' that has come up at the amusement park.

Online story-telling marks June 19 'Reading Day'

Mysuru, June 21 (RKB& BNR)- The Department of Public Libraries and District Training Institute and Extension Training Centre, Mysuru, had organised online story-telling for children through Google Meet app on Friday to mark 'Reading Day' which is observed every year on June 19, the death anniversary of Father of India's Library Movement P.M. Panicker.

Prof. B. Raveesh Kumar, Professor of Kannada, was the main speaker. Stating that recognising the rural library revolution in the State of Kerala that was led by P.M. Panicker, June 19 is being observed Reading Day, he asked people to make use of the libraries as reading a book can change a person's personality and provide peace of mind

One should read books and newspapers for at least 2-3 hours every day, he said urging



parents to help children cultivate the habit of reading books right from their childhood. If parents sit in front of the children holding books, then children too will start reading books, he added.

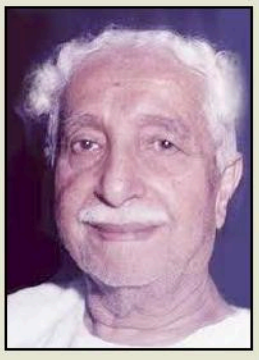
Instead of toys, children should be gifted books of great achievers, he advised parents, adding that books should be kept available to children's sight all the time as that would make them increase their reading habit. Students should not only stick on to text book but also cultivate the habit of reading other books, he said and told to keep themselves away from mobile phones.

On the occasion, the benefits of reading were explained through Upanishad and Panchatantra stories. Even the public and the children, who participated online, told moral stories they knew and promised to make it a habit to read daily newspapers, weekly and scholarly books as well as Indian epics like Ramayana and Mahabharata.

B. Manjunath, Dy. Director, Department of Public Libraries, K.V. Shivaramaiah, Principal, District Training Institute & N. Bharathi, a lecturer, were present.

Kuvempu's 'Negila Yogi' poem to be caller tune and ringtone

Bengaluru, June 21 (KMS&SD)- The State Government has decided to take steps to promote popular poem written by Rashtrakavi Kuvempu, "Negila Hidida Holadali Hadutha Uluva Yogiya Nodalli..." by making it as a caller tune and ringtone for mobile phones.



Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil, in a recent statement, said: "In an effort to spread message about the importance of farmers in our society, the State Government would advise people including scientists, officers and other staff members working in Agricultural Universities and Agriculture Departments as well as farmers to use this poem as caller tune and ringtone in their mobile phones. This poem is popular in Karnataka and very effectively conveys the message about the importance of farmers. On hearing this notable poetic song, I have seen people standing up as a mark of respect to farmers."

Recently, the Government had directed to use 'Jai Kisan' instead of saying 'Hello' after receiving a phone call.

VOICE OF THE READER

Unrepaired overflowing sewage manhole on Chamaraja Double Road

Sir,

This is the pathetic state of the underground sewage system in front of Bank of Baroda, Chamaraja Double Road branch. For the past one month, MCC has tried to repair the overflowing sewage manhole and dug up in front of the Bank in three places. But till today, it is not repaired.

People visit the Bank by precariously stepping through the sewage waste. Also the entire Bank premises and surrounding area stinks of the sewage during this trying Corona times. This is nothing but the most irresponsible act of MCC. Will the MCC Commissioner look into this problem and take up the repair works urgently?

—H.M. Ravi

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'Saptapadi' Mass Marriage

to be held on seven dates in July-August

Bengaluru, June 21 (UNI)- The Karnataka Government has announced the dates for the twice postponed 'Mass Marriage' under its ambitious 'Saptapadi' scheme, which will be held at 100 Grade A temples coming under the Religious Endowment Department including the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Chamundi Hill.

The ceremony, slated to be held on Apr. 26 and May 24 had been postponed due to countrywide lock-down following the spread of Coronavirus, according to an official statement. The Mass Marriage will be held on July 23, July 26, July 29, August 6, August 10, August 14 and August 17.

Earlier the Government had received over 4,000 applications. But considering the fact that few of these marriages might have been held in a low-key manner, during the lockdown, the Government has again invited applications from couples wanting to tie the knot.

Muzrai Department, through temples, will provide 8-gram gold 'Mangalya' to the bride while groom will get dothi, shirt and shalya. A sum of Rs. 55,000 will be given to the temples to buy things required for a marriage ceremony.

The Government had earlier announced that the bridegroom would be given Rs. 5,000 for dhoti, shirt and a garland, while the bride would be given Rs.10,000 to purchase saree and blouse, and will be given a 8 gm-gold 'Mangalya'.

Also, the Revenue Department would keep Rs.10,000 as fixed deposit in the name of the bride under 'Adarsha Vivaha' scheme. Also, the Social Welfare Department will provide a financial assistance of Rs. 50,000 to SC community couples. Eligible bridegrooms with the minimum age of 21 years and brides who have attained the age of 18 years can register along with supporting documents.

KSET postponed

Mysuru, June 21- The Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET) conducted by University of Mysore to fill lecturers post, which was scheduled to be held today (June 21), has been postponed as the State Government has not given green signal for the same due to Coronavirus pandemic.

Over a lakh candidates were waiting anxiously to write the KSET for which the new date has to be announced yet.

However, permission has been sought to conduct KSET on July 19.

Intl. Conference on Recent Trends in Science and Technology held

Dignitaries releasing the abstract of the conference proceeding.

Mysuru, June 21- ATME College of Engineering (ATMCE), Mysuru, had organised a two-day 'International Conference on Recent Trends in Science and Technology (ICRTST)-2020' through online meeting platform on June 17 and 18.

The Conference was inaugurated on June 17 by Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor (VC), University of Mysore in the presence of Dr. Syed Shakeeb Ur Rahman, Executive Council Member, VTU, Belagavi, Dr. Karisiddappa, VC, VTU, Belagavi, Dr. Chidananda Gowda, former VC, Kuvempu University and Management Committee Members.

Prof. Hemantha Kumar, during his address, mentioned that the researchers should get aligned by producing their research findings towards the benefits of the society, and the research works needs to be evaluated based on quality rather than quantity.

Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda stated: "Science is the mother of all technology, and is a root for present technology." He further expressed his insights on Unhackable Internet, Quantum Computer, Artificial Intelligence & application in drugs discovery.

L. Arun Kumar, Chairman, ATMECE, in his presidential remarks, mentioned that COVID-19 pandemic has changed the lifestyle of every human being. "We need to reorganise and re-orient ourselves in life and COVID-19 has set a reset button in our lives.

During this occasion, abstract of the conference proceeding were released by the dignitaries.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Md. Sultan Mohamed Ali, Professor, Control & Mechatronics Engg. Division, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, spoke on MEMS Actuators, Bio Medical Engineering, Micro Pumps and Micro Actuators.

Dr. Gopalan Jagdeesh, Professor, Department of Aero Space Engineering, IISc., Bengaluru, in his keynote address, spoke on jigsaw puzzles of hypersonic, shock waves and their applications in different field of science and reducing aerodynamic drag using smart coatings.

K. Shivashankar, Secretary, ATMECE, Mysuru, was present. Dr. L. Basavaraj, Principal, ATMECE, welcomed the gathering. Dr. L. Parthasarathy, Organising Chair, Professor and Head of EEE, delivered a report about the Conference. He mentioned that 194 articles out of 306 submissions are scheduled for presentation in the Conference.

The Conference was conducted observing the standard operating procedures mentioned by the Government of Karnataka during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Valedictory: The valedictory function of the Conference was held on June 18. K. Achutha Bachalli, Chairman, Unilog Solutions, was the chief guest. In his address, he spoke about the upcoming trends on technology specific to robotics, speech recognition and emphasised on artificial intelligence and machine learning.

Dr. Syed Shakeeb Ur Rahman was the guest of honour. Authors received their presentation certificates on this occasion.

SWR completes maintenance works during COVID lockdown

Three Level Crossing Gates were eliminated on Mysuru-Hassan section by constructing low height subways

Mysuru, June 21 (UNI)- The suspension of regular train services due to COVID-19 enabled the South Western Railway (SWR) to complete the safety and infrastructure works, besides taking up maintenance of tracks and other works across the zone.

This includes monsoon preparedness in the Ghat sections, closing of a few unmanned Level Crossing Gates and eliminating manned Level Crossing Gates by constructing Road Under Bridges (RUBs).

According to an SWR statement, all planned safety works in the Ghat section between Castle Rock and Kulem section of Hubballi division are nearing completion. There was no disruption of train services as only a few special trains operate at present and this also did not lead to staggering of works, it added.

Between Castle Rock and Kulem, 2,000 sleepers were removed from side drains to facilitate water flow during monsoon and prevent track flooding, which could endanger safety. Repair of eight minor bridges on the Ghat section between Londa-Miraj and Londa and Vasco-da-gama section was also taken up and the bridges are now ready for safe running of trains.

In Mysuru division, three Level Crossing Gates were eliminated on the Mysuru-Hassan section by constructing low height subways. An official statement said the construction entailed insertion of precast boxes under the track and were completed in a matter of hours, which in normal times, would have led to cancellation or regulation of a number of passenger trains.

There are 311 manned Level Crossing Gates in Mysuru Division, of which 30 were eliminated last year and 16 were targeted for elimination by construction of subways this year, it added. According to the statement, a canal crossing work between Ajjampura and Shivani Stations on Tumakuru-Hubballi line was underway.

It was earlier planned with daily blocking of track for a few hours and the work was to be staggered over a period of 90 days. But taking advantage of the lockdown, it has been planned for early completion.

"This project would facilitate the supply of water from Bhadra River to drought-hit regions of Chitradurga. The Mysuru Division has taken up the project as a challenge and work is in progress day and night," it added.

Track maintenance and monitoring received top priority and the Oscillation Monitoring System (OMS), which detects geometrical defects in the track, was run at a regular interval of 15 days. This entailed covering a distance of 6,268 km during the lockdown period and maintenance works were taken up based on these results, as per the defined protocols.

Similarly, Ultrasonic Flaw Detection System, which is used to detect the internal flaws in the rail, was carried out over 321.85km length of track, the statement added.

World Music Day: Seven scholars feted

Mysuru, June 21 (RKB&SD)- As part of World Music Day celebrations, KMPK Charitable Trust felicitated seven scholars who have made significant contributions in the field of music at a programme held at Apoorva auditorium located near Chamundipuram Circle in city yesterday.

Kannada and CultureAssistant Director H. Channappa felicitated music scholars Amba Prasad (Violin), Shankar (Veena), Vishwanath (Mandolin), Indu Shekhar (Tabla), Nagalakshmi, Indrani Ananthram and Rashmi (Vocalists) on the occasion.

Mysuru City and District Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash, who presided over the programme, urged householders to recite Devaranama, bhajans and light music as music has strength to energise their lives and said, "It is believed that blowing conch shell regularly would strengthen our lungs and reciting Veda mantras would sharpen your mind."

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna spoke on the occasion. Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, Scholar Dr. Rajkumar, recipient of national award Ganesh Ishwar Bhat, Corporator M.V. Ramprasad, former Corporator M.D. Parthasarathi, BJP women leader Lakshmidevi, Vice-President of Krishnaraja Cooperative Bank Basavaraja Basappa, President of KMPK Charitable Trust Vikram Iyengar, Jayasimha Sridhar, Kadakola Jagadish, Srikanth Kashyap and others were present.

Police recover stolen lorry, arrest two youths

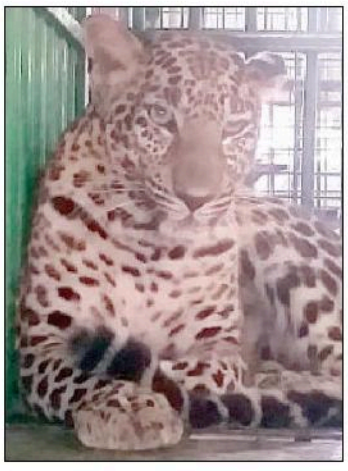
Mysuru, June 21 (RK&KS)- Mysuru South Rural Police have arrested two persons on charges of stealing a lorry and have recovered the stolen vehicle from them. The arrested are Govinda of Gejjalagere village in Maddur taluk of Mandya district and Rathan Shekar of Konashale village in Maddur.

Govinda and Rathan had stolen the lorry (KA-17-A-5335), belonging to one V. Mahesh, which was parked in APMC Petrol Bunk on Nanjangud Road in city on May 29 and Mysuru South Rural Police, who had registered a case in this regard, had formed an Investigation Team to trace the lorry and apprehend the culprits.

Yesterday morning at about 6 am, Mysuru Rural Sub-Inspector V.C. Vanaraju and staff arrested Govinda and Rathan near Sri Shaneshwaraswamy Temple at Bandipalya and brought them to the Police Station. During interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of stealing the lorry and showed the Police the place where they had hid the lorry.

Sub-Inspectors V.C. Vanaraju and Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Shivakumar and staff Zahur Ahmed, Nanjundaswamy, Satish, Thimmaiah, Raju and Suresh took part in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Leopardess trapped at Janthagalli



Mysuru, June 21 (MTY&KS)- A four-year-old leopardess that had created a sense of fear among the villagers of Janthagalli in the taluk by appearing in the vicinity of the village frequently, has been trapped in a cage placed by the Forest Department on Friday.

Following complaints from the villagers about frequent sighting of the leopardess in the vicinity of the village, the Forest Department staff had placed a cage at J.K. Farm in the village and the leopardess, walked into the cage and got trapped on Friday.

The Forest staff, who visited the farm, shifted the cage along with the leopardess to Aranya Bhavan in Mysuru.

The leopardess is healthy and was freed inside Moolehole Range in Bandipur.

1,567 posts vacant in State Fire and Emergency Services Department

Bengaluru, June 21 (KMS)- The Department of Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services (KSFES) has invited applications to fill 1,567 posts including Fire Station Officer - 36, Fireman Driver - 227, Technician - 82 and Fireman - 1,222.

Applications must be submitted online *[www.ksp.gov.in]* before July 20. It is a good opportunity to save precious lives by joining the Fire and Emergency Services Department, said the Department Director General in a press release.

Twice COVID-infected woman delivers baby boy

Mysuru, June 21 (RK&BCT)- Here is a feel good factor amidst Corona pandemic in Mysuru. Thanks to the efforts of the doctors, a pregnant woman, who was infected of COVID-19 twice, delivered a healthy boy baby at V.V. Puram Maternity Hospital yesterday. It was a Caesarean Section delivery. The doctors and nurses of Cheluvamba Hospital performed the Caesarean Section at the V.V. Puram Maternity Hospital successfully. The hospital has been equipped and exclusive for COVID-infected pregnant women.

Mysuru Medical College and Research Institute Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj said that the woman, a resident of K.R. Pet in Mandya district, was admitted to Cheluvamba Hospital for labour on Friday. Her samples tested positive for COVID-19.

According to Dr. Nanjaraj, the woman was infected of Covid-19 for the second time. Earlier, she tested positive and was isolated at a hospital in Mandya and as her tests turned negative, she was discharged. After recovery, she had returned to her maternal parent's house in K.R. Pet. She again tested positive when repeat tests were conducted as she had a history of contracting the disease. Doctors and nurses at the hospital say that both the mother and baby are fine.

18 more test COVID-19 positive in Mysuru

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Four members of a family from Hinkal BEML Layout – 13-year-old boy, 9-year-old boy and a 38-year-old male and 56-year-old woman tested positive and all of them have a travel history of Bengaluru. A couple from Belavatha RBI (30-year-old and 31-year-old) too tested positive. They have a travel history of Chennai.

Another 63-year-old male on Krishna Vilasa Road near Maharani's College has contracted the disease. Preliminary enquiries say that the person claimed that he went to Hunsur and met a trader from whom he has got the infection.

A 33-year-old person from BEML Layout, a 64-year-old male from an apartment in V.V. Mohalla, a 64-year-old Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) case from Rammanahalli, a 30-year-old person from Ankanahalli near T. Narasipur who has Influenza-like Illness (ILI), a 35-year-old male from Hura in Nanjangud who was a primary contact of BMTC employee who tested positive a couple of days back and a 56-year-old resident of Srirampura have tested positive. The identity of one more case is yet to be revealed.

Health Department authorities said that they were doing their best to trace the travel history, primary and secondary contacts of infected people. Some areas and localities have been sealed down so that there is no community spread, they added.

Gold chain snatched at J.P. Nagar

Mysuru, June 21 (RK&KS)- Bike-borne miscreants have snatched a gold chain from a 39-year-old woman at J.P. Nagar yesterday.

The woman, who lost her gold chain, is Mamatha, wife of Sanjeevamurthy and residing at J.P. Nagar. Yesterday afternoon at about 12.45, Mamatha was walking towards her mother's house at Siddalingeshwara Layout, adjacent to J.P. Nagar, when two miscreants wearing face mask, who came on a Yamaha Crux bike, snatched her 55 grams gold chain and sped away.

Though a person chased the bike in his car and hit the bike near a petty shop at Siddalingeshwara Layout and made the riders fall from the bike, the miscreants brandished a machete, threatened the car driver and fled from the spot.

Vidyaranyapuram Police informed the incident over the walkie-talkie and launched a hunt to nab the miscreants but in vain. Meanwhile, the Police personnel from all Police Stations, conducted checking and kept a hawk eye vigil over those riding Yamaha Crux bike, but could not trace the miscreants.

Police have collected CCTV footages of cameras installed on the road and are investigating.

Obituary

D. Vanajakshi

Mysuru, June 21- D. Vanajakshi (65), wife of P. Jayaraj and a resident of Hebbal 3rd Stage in city, passed away yesterday morning. She leaves behind her husband, children, sons-in-law, grandchildren & a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at CSI cemetery yesterday.

Despite being sealed, villagers ensure uninterrupted milk trade

Penjahalli villagers learn to live with Coronavirus; do not depend on authorities for milk business

Hanagodu, June 21 (Mahesh & BCT)- As one enters Penjahalli village near Hanagodu in Hunsur which is sealed by the Mysuru District Administration, not a single person can be seen unnecessarily loitering even in the by-lanes. Two COVID-19 positive cases – a mother and her young daughter – has been reported from this village and the village has been sealed twice.

Police personnel stand guard to ensure no one enters or exits the area. Barricades have been laid and streets are regularly fumigated as people look out from their small houses to witness the process. The entry and exit points of the village has been blocked with barricades and mounds of mud.

Villagers, however, have learnt to live with Coronavirus and have devised ingenious means to carry on with their livelihood. The village has over 500 families and almost 75 to 110 of whom are in the milk trade. With no person from the village being allowed to go out and outsiders not being able to come in, the milk business — on which the villagers depend — had come to a grinding halt.

The distraught villagers have now decided to help themselves in selling milk and procuring fodder for their cattle. Every day before the dawn breaks, villagers wake up and milk their cows and fill the milk in big cans. They then carry the cans till the village borders and keep them in an order so that the Milk Dairy vans come to the border and lift the cans.

Earlier, the milk vans used to come to individual houses inside Penjahalli and used to collect milk. In front of each house, the milk is weighed and the record is entered in a book. Now as the milk vans do not come inside the village, villagers themselves weigh the milk and then deposit it in the cans after entering the quantity. Once the cans are emptied in the Dairy, they are returned to the village by afternoon so that the milk is filled the next day.

"For us milk selling is a primary source of income and with complete sealing of the village, we are unable to do so. As a result, we were facing an existential crisis. Now we have solved the problem and ensured ways of maintaining an uninterrupted supply of milk," said Ramegowda, a milk seller from the village.

15 Policemen, lady doctor test COVID positive in Mysuru; 22 in one day

Mysuru June 21 (RK&BCT)- After a lull, COVID-19 is rapidly spreading its tentacles in Mysuru and yesterday (June 20) alone, 22 people contracted the disease and these include 15 Policemen and one lady doctor. With the latest 22 positive cases, Mysuru has a total 151 positive cases. Of them, 112 have been released and there are 39 active cases. If this is the case in city areas, the killer disease has entered rural areas too as cases have been reported from Tibetan Settlement at Bylakuppe in Periyapatna Taluk, Hullahalli in Nanjangud and Sosale village in T. Narasipur Taluk.

The 13 cases are of Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) Policemen – Fifth Battalion – all residents of Jokey Quarters who had been on bandobust duty at Padarayanapura in Bengaluru, the epicentre of COVID cases in the State Capital. The Policemen returned to Mysuru after completing their security duty. As per protocol, they were put under mandatory quarantine at a guest house within the premises of KSRP Guest House.

In all, 24 persons of KSRP Battalion in Mysuru had been to Padarayanapura and other areas in Bengaluru for bandobust and on their arrival in Mysuru, all of them were tested. Of them 11 tested negative and 13 tested positive. The entire Jockey Quarters and the KSRP Guest House have been sanitised and the infected Policemen have been admitted to the designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road.

One constable from Nanjangud Rural Police Station has been tested positive yesterday and the Police Station has been sanitised. Also, the road where the constable's house is located in Nanjangud has been sealed. One more man in uniform — a Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) — security man was tested positive.

He is serving at Reserve Bank of India currency printing press at Metagalli and recently, he had been to Tamil Nadu. The guest house where he was staying has been sanitised. In a first case in Mysuru, a doctor has been tested positive. She has a recent travel history of Bengaluru but as of now it is not clear from where the doctor contracted the disease, Health Department officials said.

The outpatient department of the hospital where she is working and her section have been sanitised. One person who had returned from New Delhi to Bylakuppe Tibetan colony too tested positive. Likewise, a Bengaluru returnee from Sosale village in T. Narasipur Taluk tested positive. As he was suffering from fever and cough, the T, Narasipur doctors had collected his throat swabs and sent to Mysuru Government lab tor testing where he was declared infected.

A cloth store owner in Hullahalli in Nanjangud Taluk tested positive. Even he was suffering from fever and cough. The road on which his shop is located and his house area has been sealed. In an appeal to the public, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G Sankar has said, "Anyone who visited Neeha textiles, JSS College Road, Hullahalli town, in the last two weeks are requested to register themselves as contacts on 0821-2423800 or 1077, as a person associated with the firm has tested positive on 19.06.2020."

Mandya Corona cases touch 364; second case in Chamarajanagar

Mandya / Chamarajanagar, June 21 (Nagaiah,SS&BCT)- COVID-19 positive cases in Mandya has touched 364 yesterday as four fresh cases were reported in Karnataka's Sugar Bowl. A majority of all cases reported in Mandya are travellers from various places from Maharashtra especially Mumbai.

Yesterday's cases were that of 40-year-old male, 17-year-old youth, 39-year-old woman and an 18-year-old youth. The infected persons have been shifted to Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences the designated COVID Hospital.

All the four who have tested positive are Maharashtra returnees and have their roots in KR. Pet and Pandavapura. They had entered Mandya through check-posts and were placed in institutional quarantine. As a routine, their samples were tested. In Mandya, there are 43 active cases.

Meanwhile, Chamarajanagar District that was in Green Zone for a long time with no COVID positive case, reported its second case. A 39-year-old truck driver testing positive at Mahadevprasad Nagar in Gundlupet. The authorities are tracing his travel history. The first positive patient has recovered and was discharged from the hospital on Friday.

Though earlier a medical student (now discharged) had tested positive on June 9 in Chamarajanagar, he was a resident of Mumbai and had travelled there. The truck driver had transported onions to markets in Tamil Nadu and Kerala regularly.

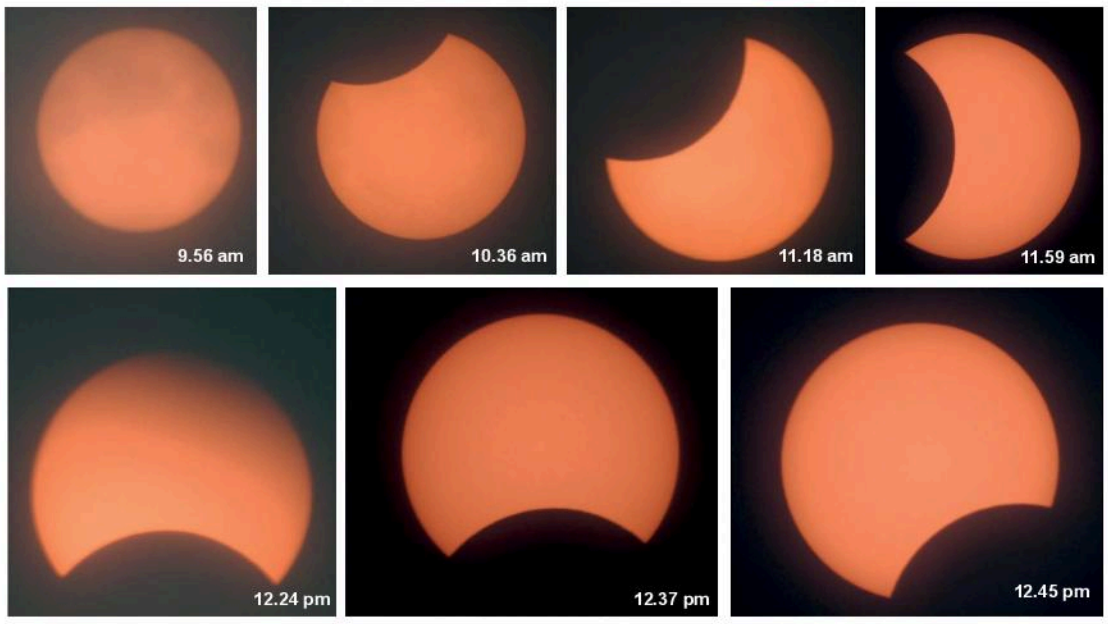
Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.R. Ravi said that the truck driver was travelling between Gundlupet and Tamil Nadu regularly and had returned from Salem on June 17. The victim developed cough on June 18 and the doctors collected his samples.

Authorities said that it is a case of Influenza like Illness (ILI). The driver had visited a fever clinic for check-up and his samples tested positive. As many as 10 persons, his wife, mother and other family members will be quarantined as they are primary contacts.

Chamarajanagar authorities said that the driver had visited a private clinic before coming to the fever clinic. Mahadevprasad Nagar, where the victim stayed, is declared as containment zone now and there are 10 houses there. Movement of outsiders is banned for 10 days and throat swabs of the residents in the containment zone will be tested.

While the Health Officials are tracing the travel history of the lorry driver, it has come to light that he had tea in a stall and as such, the stall owner has been quarantined.

A Sunday well spent



The sequence of Annular Solar Eclipse as captured and sent by former Principal and Professor of Physics, Regional Institute of Education Mysuru Dr. S.N. Prasad. The pictures were taken at 83 magnification with a Nikon Coolpix P900 Ultra-zoom camera. This functions just like a small telescope. The camera lens was fitted with a solar filter to capture the image.

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Partial solar eclipse but roads empty

Enthusiastic sky watchers wearing solar filters watched partial solar eclipse in city this morning. In Mysuru, which is far away from the path of annularity, the eclipse was partially visible of about 35 percent from around 10 am. Some people were seen standing on their terraces and balconies and gazing at the sky through X-ray sheets, tinted glasses and cooling glasses. Even as the clouds marred the visibility in between, there was excitement in the air.

Astronomy enthusiast and former Principal and Professor of Physics, Regional Institute of Education Mysuru Dr. S.N. Prasad told *Star of Mysore* that in Mysuru there was cloudy conditions in the first part and there was fairly clear conditions afterwards. "The solar disk does not show any sunspots anywhere. This is because we are passing through a minimum in the eleven-year solar cycle," he added.

Divya, a student from Gokulam said, "I thought University of Mysore or some other organisation would organise mass solar eclipse-watching event this year also, but due to COVID pandemic and other restrictions, as far as I know, no one has organised such an event in city. I was disappointed as it was not possible to watch this rare event through a telescope."

Saravana, also a student expressed the same opinion and said, "As nobody had organised solar eclipse watching event this year, I watched it through an old X-ray sheet and it was a wonderful experience."

Meanwhile, the city wore a deserted look as many people remained indoors due to religious belief that the eclipse could have a psychological impact on humans. There was hardly any vehicular movement in most of the major roads, reminiscent of a complete lockdown.

International Yoga Day: Mysureans bend it inside their homes

Yoga enthusiasts seen performing Yogasanas indoors owing to COVID pandemic.

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra and his group of friends perform Yoga on a terrace.

Mysuru, June 21 (MTY&KS)- The sixth edition of the International Yoga Day 2020 kicked off this morning with people across the globe taking part in various yoga events to commemorate the day. International Yoga Day was Prime Minister Narendra Modi's brainchild who proposed the idea in the year 2014, right after assuming charge as the PM during his first term.

On the occasion, PM Modi addressed the nation and underscored the importance of yoga, meditation and pranayama. "The world is taking the need to practice yoga more seriously in the wake of COVID-19. Yoga has many asanas to boost our immunity. These asanas strengthen our muscles and metabolism. Coronavirus attacks our respiratory system, and pranayama (breathing exercise) is the best exercise to keep ourselves safe," the Prime Minister said.

This year's Yoga Day is being observed differently in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic as most of the world is amid a lockdown and large social gathering are a strict no-no during the crisis.

Ten Yoga instructors, including heads of yoga institutions, performed various asanas as per the Common Yoga Protocol at a programme organised by the District Administration at Mysore Palace premises between 7 am and 7.45 am.

In order to provide guidance to the public performing Yoga at their houses, the event was telecast live on the District Administration and Vartha Bhavan Facebook pages which were viewed by about 10,000 people.

As per the protocol, prayer was rendered for one minute and four minutes for warm-up exercises before 7 am. Asanas including Thadasana, Vrukshasana, Padahasthasana, Ardhachakrasana, Trikonasana, Bhadrasana, Vajrasana, Shashankasana, Mandukasana and Shavasana were performed for 25 minutes, Pranayama and meditation for 14 minutes and oath and prayer for a minute.

Though it was earlier thought of performing Yoga on the terrace following 'Virtual Terrace Yoga' concept, only a few performed on the terrace while others performed inside the houses in view of solar eclipse.

Various Yoga Institutions and organisations had organised events at their respective places by maintaining social distancing and other rules.

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